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REDUCTION OF TROOPS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert panel headed by the Union Defence Secretary to suggest measures for reduction of troops in Jammu and Kashmir has submitted its recommendations to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Review panel for review of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Jammu and Kashmir has been set up by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a High powered committee has been set up by the Government to take decisions on the recommendations of the said Expert panel and the Review panel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the follow up action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the said panels?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) vide notification dated 9th May, 2007 had constituted an Expert Panel under the chairmanship of Defence Secretary to determine the need to relocate and reconfigure the security forces in Jammu & Kashmir, keeping in mind the security needs of the State.

The Expert Panel was also mandated, as a parallel exercise, to review the application of the Armed Forces (Jammu and Kashmir) Special Powers Act, 1990 to different areas of the State. It is understood that the Expert Panel submitted its draft report to the Prime Ministers Office on 8th September, 2007.

(d) & (e): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.